

SOMERVILLE JUNCTION PARK

EXPANSION & REVONATION PROJECT

LISTENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021 - 7PM



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. BACKGROUND
3. PROJECT SCOPE & EXTENTS
4. EXISTING CONDITIONS
5. OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS
6. INSPIRATION CONCEPTS
7. YOUR FEEDBACK
8. PROJECT SCHEDULE



INTRODUCTIONS

- MARK NIEDERGANG, WARD 5 CITY COUNCILOR
- LUISA OLIVEIRA, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SPACE & URBAN FORESTRY
- ARN FRANZEN, SENIOR PLANNER, PUBLIC SPACE & URBAN FORESTRY

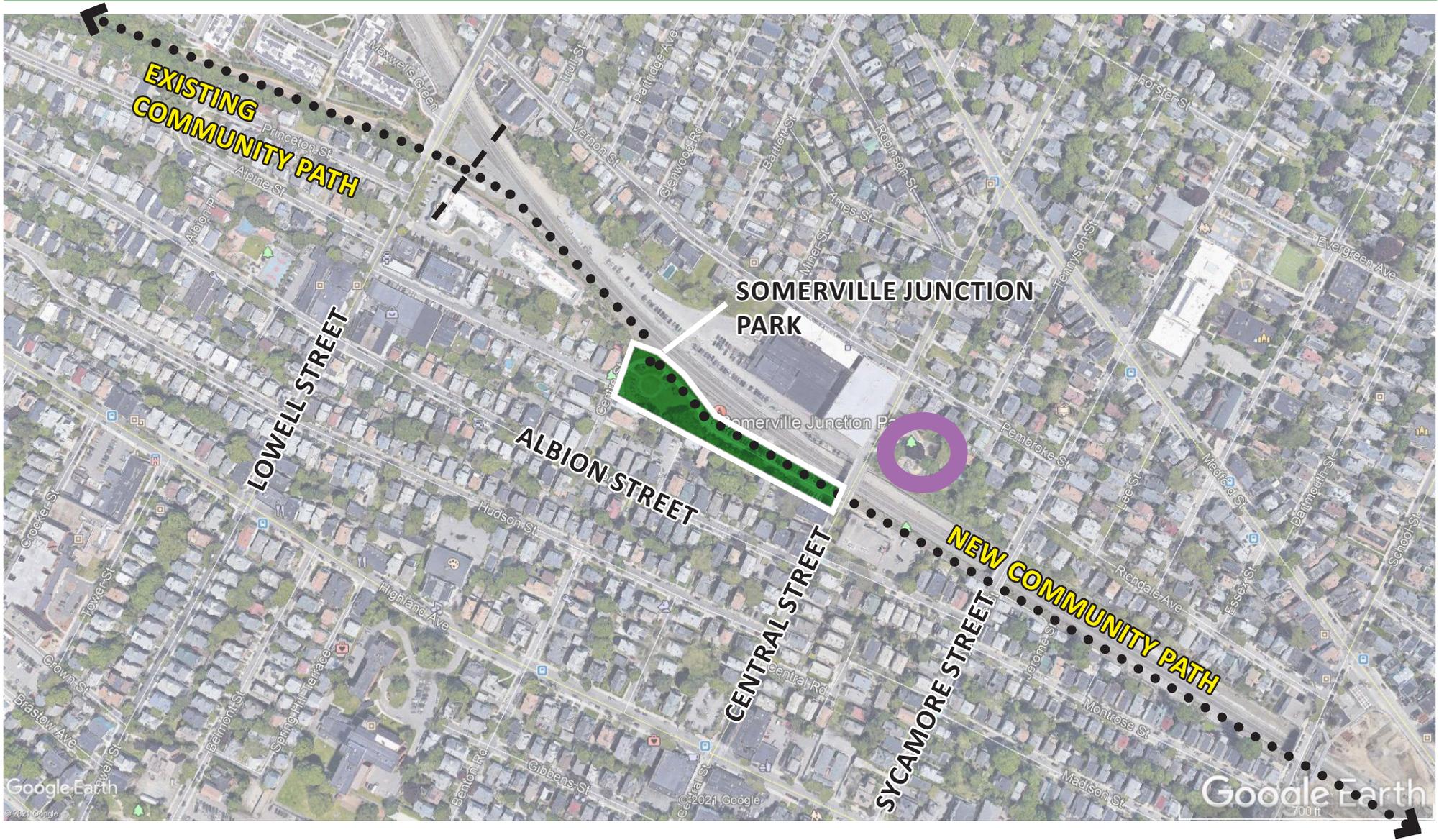


BACKGROUND

- Site of former Somerville Rail Depot - closed in 1930s
- Used as dumping ground for construction materials
- 2006 - Environmental testing leads to cleanup effort with EPA grant, ownership of land transferred to City
- 2008 - Cleanup completed and Junction Park phase 1 opens to the public
- 2017 - Present - GLX using parking area for construction staging



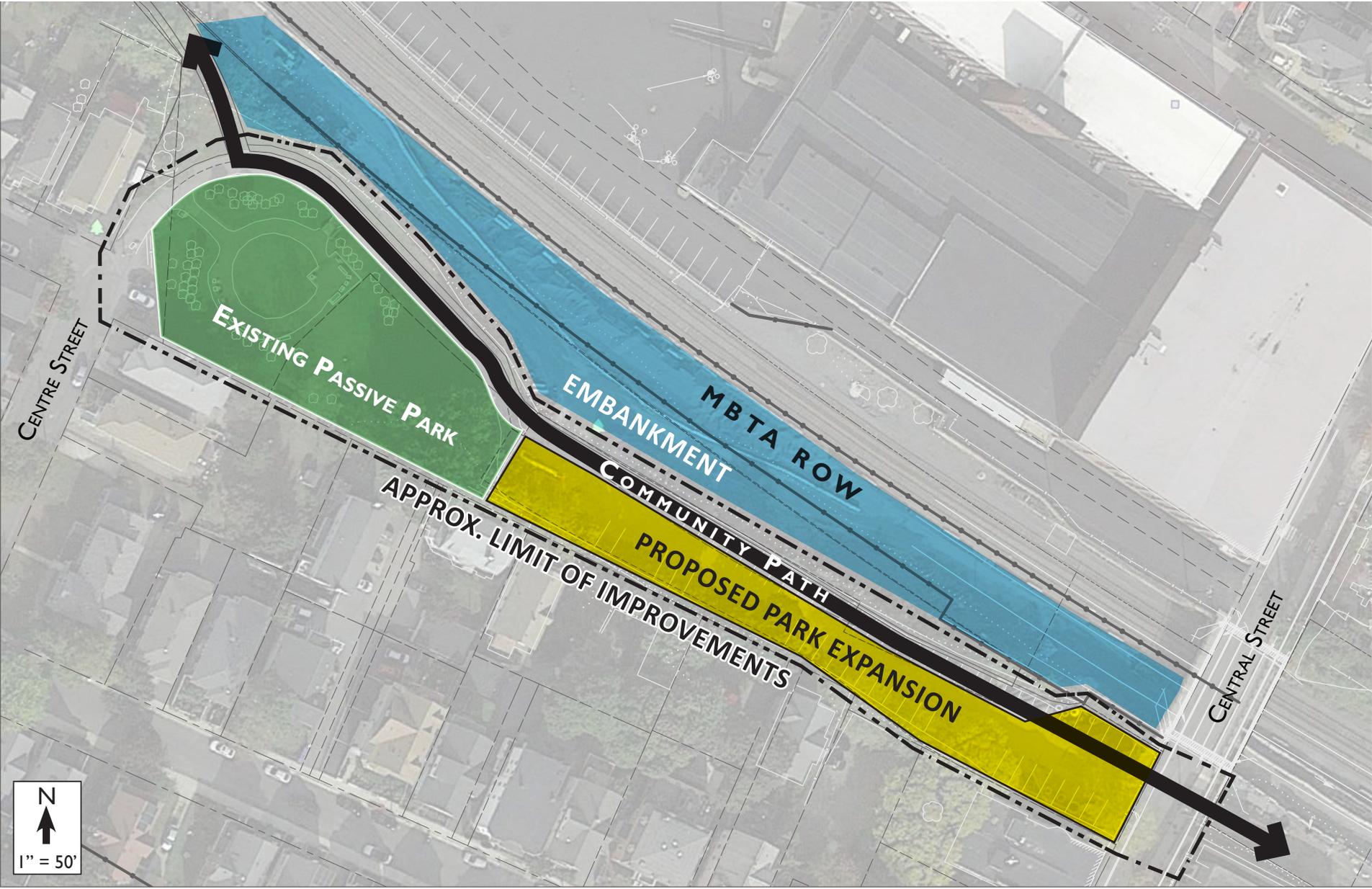
CONTEXT & EXTENTS



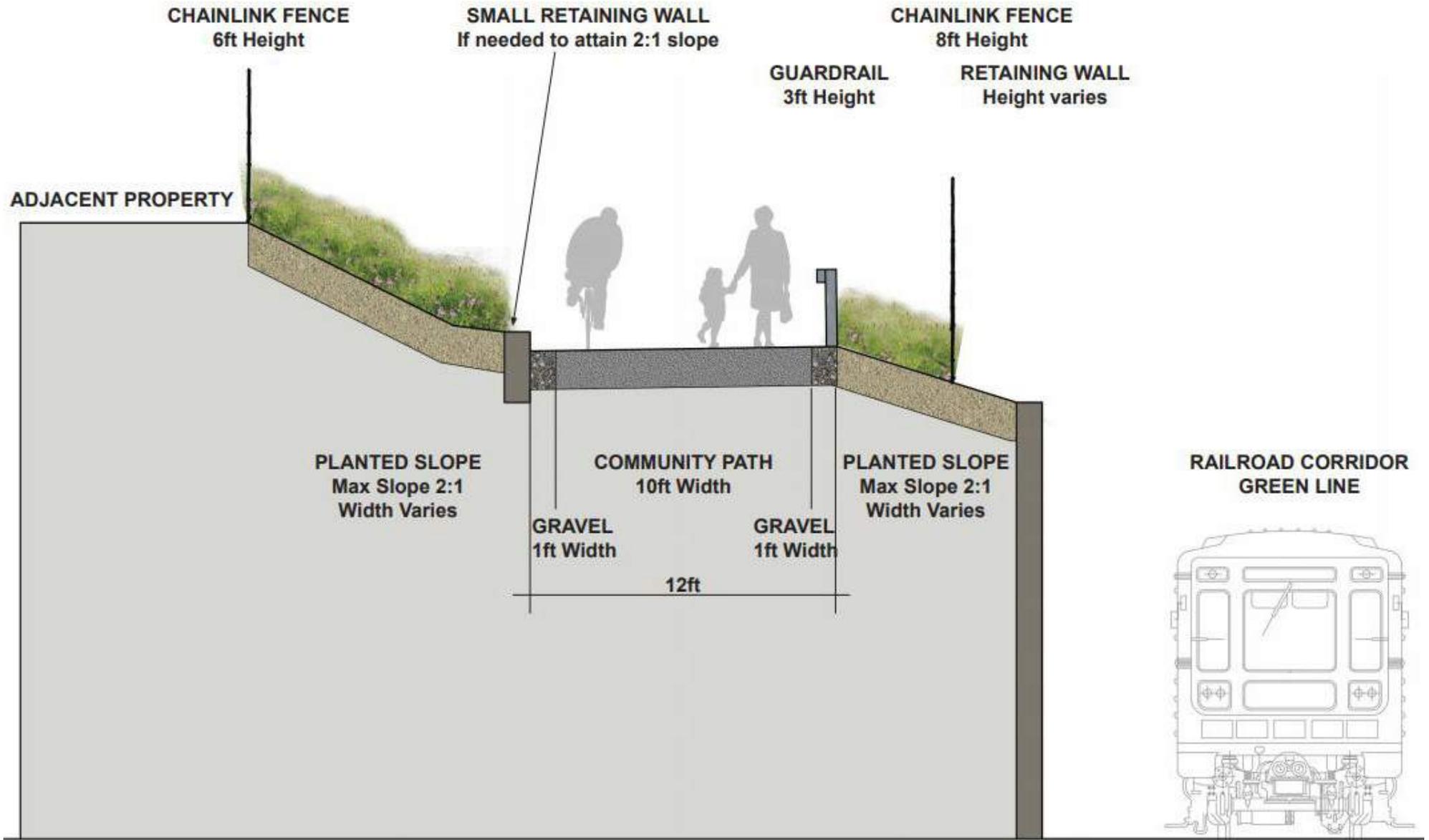
CITY OF SOMERVILLE

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SCOPE & EXTENTS



COMMUNITY PATH TYPICAL SECTION



EXISTING CONDITIONS

Existing Passive Park

- Lacks shade
- Important destination/resting area along future community path
- Potential for modifications limited by environmental cap constraints



EXISTING CONDITIONS



Existing Community Path

- Closed off for GLX construction activity
- Community path improvements include guardrail barrier at embankment



EXISTING CONDITIONS



Existing Abutting Fence Condition

- Grade change
- need low retaining wall & new fencing



EXISTING CONDITIONS



Former Parking Area

- Currently used for construction staging
- Community path improvements include repaving & new trees at existing passive park

EXISTING CONDITIONS



Central Street Entrance

- Community path improvements include new ADA curb ramp and crossing, reconstruct side walk
- Removal of parking



EXISTING CONDITIONS



Mature trees

- Goal: Preserve mature trees on abutter properties

OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

- New/expanded green space (.83 acres) & new program elements
- Important destination & resting place along new community path
- Preserve mature shade trees along abutting properties
- Connection to Hoyt-Sullivan playground
- Long, narrow expansion area limits future program potential
- Potential for modifications at existing park is limited by environmental cap constraints
- Safely integrating mobility (community path) and park uses



INSPIRATION CONCEPTS

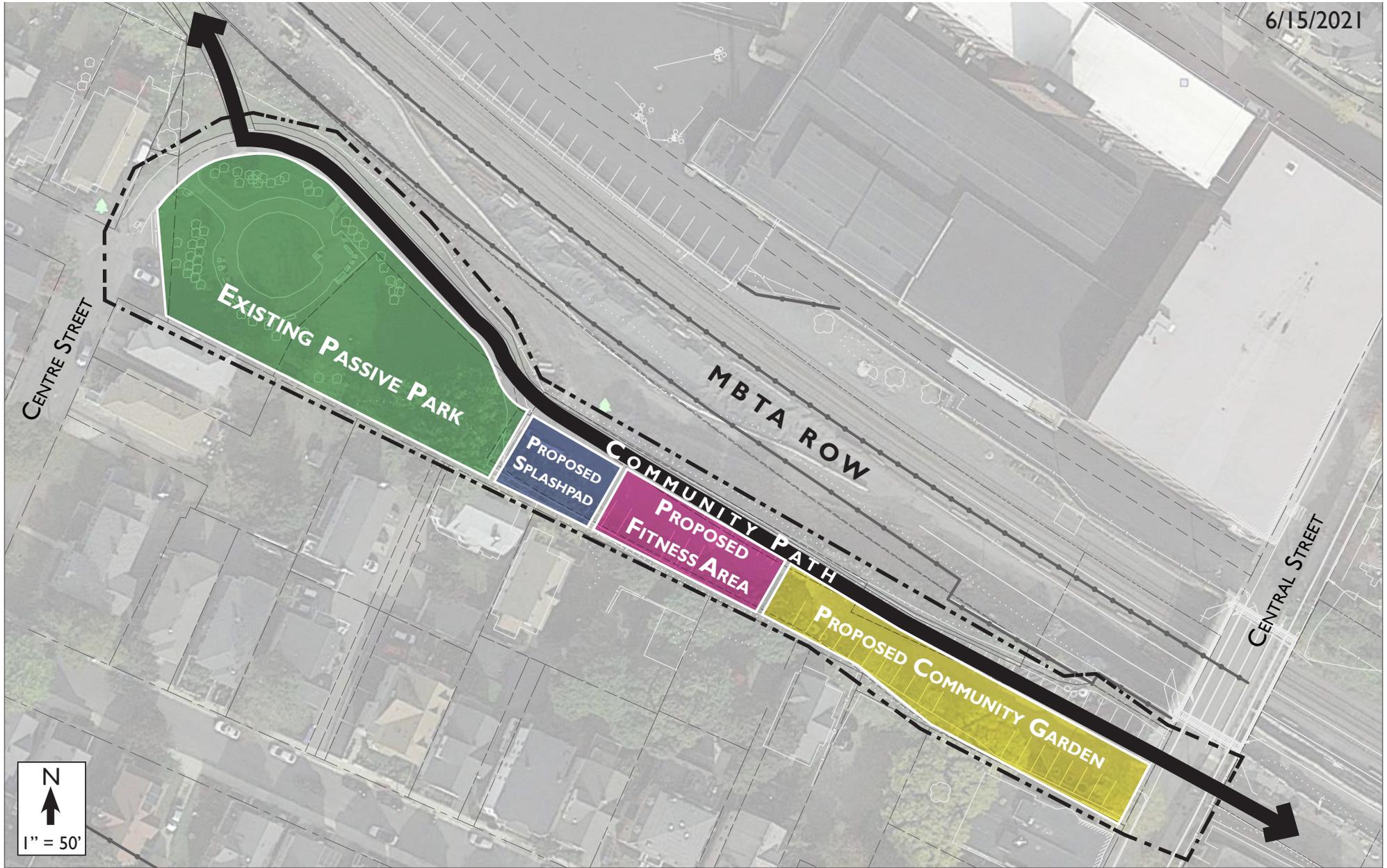


CITY OF SOMERVILLE

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PRELIMINARY CONCEPT PLAN

6/15/2021



CITY OF SOMERVILLE

JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING
& COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NEXT STEPS

- Comments will be collected
- PSUF will set up project page and post a link to a recording of this presentation



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- Summer/Fall 2021 - Submit PARC and CPA grants for project funding
- Winter - Hire design team & begin community process
- Spring 2022 - Community path scheduled to be completed
- Spring 2022-Bid and contract awarded
- Summer 2022- Construction to begin



Q & A

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK? IDEAS?

- Please write questions and comments in chat
- We will open up to discussion at the end



STAY INVOLVED

DIVISION OF PUBLIC SPACE & URBAN FORESTRY

<https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/ospcd/psuf>

